

County Council Regular Meeting: September 24, 2019
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I. Introduction:

This afternoon's regular County Council meeting was the only meeting so far in 2019 which took place without a League of Women Voters observer. For that reason, this reporter is unable to describe any part of the meeting which may have departed from the advance official agenda. Below are some important or most costly measures the Council would have voted on. We will check this against the minutes at the next Council meeting and report on any discrepancies.

II. Agenda Items of Note:

* Acceptance of the annual determination by the Budget Commission that authorizes the necessary tax levies for the coming year and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer.

* Among other resolutions to be adopted were the following:

-- \$1.8 million estimated to pay for the rehabilitation of the Bishop Road bridge in Highland Hts;

-- \$2.4 million for design engineering services for 3 Pleasant Valley Road bridges in Independence and Valley View;

-- \$1 million to maintain a cloud-based comprehensive case management system;

-- \$4.2 million in Purchase & Sale agreements for the sale of 7 parcels in the City of Cleveland;

-- \$2.7 million agreement with the MetroParks for the sale of the Canal Road Sanitary Maintenance Yard in Valley View;

-- \$1.3 million in additional funds for community-based treatment center management services;

-- \$2.7 million to the Prosecutor for 2019 legal services;

* To be read for the second time were 6 resolutions supporting various applications by local cities or conservation groups for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservatioin Program. They would conserve ecologically significant areas in the Stickney Creek Valley, the Euclid waterfront, the Clark Forest Preserve, the Chagrin River and Tinker's Creek headwaters, the Chagrin Meadows Preserve, and the West Creek. Two other applications by the City of Cleveland were withdrawn from the agenda.

* Also to be considered on second reading were the following:

-- \$240.6 million as the final guaranteed maximum price for design-build services for the Convention Center Hotel and underground Huntington Park Garage project;

- Lease of space at 11811 Shaker Boulevard for a Juvenile Court Regional Probation Office;
- \$3.5 million for insurance brokerage and risk management services; and
- A \$1.1 million contract with United Way for fiscal agent services and emergency food assistance.